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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image forming apparatus scans, stores, and forms images. The apparatus includes an optical scanning device adapted to produce optical images to be reproduced; and an image storing device, connected for receiving the optical images from the optical scanning device for temporary storage thereof. The apparatus also has a device for reproducing a corresponding image signal at a later time. A plurality of image formation devices are connected for receiving the image signal from the image storing device and are enabled for forming the image on sheets which move through the apparatus. The apparatus further includes a sheet feeding device, interconnected and adapted for selectively receiving sheets from a sheet storing device, delivering the sheets to at least one of the image forming devices for producing latent images of the optical images onto the sheets, and thereafter, delivering the sheets to a sheet receiving device. The apparatus further comprises a control system interconnected and adapted for selectively controlling the movement of the sheets from the sheet storage device, through the optical scanning device, to the sheet receiving device with selective alternative sheet movement depending upon sheet jams within the apparatus.

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